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Applicants:

Roger A. Dulin et al.

Serial No.:

09/843,085 April 27, 2001

Filing Date: For:

METHOD OF TRANSPARENTIZING PAPER SUBSTRATE AND

PAPER ASSEMBLY WITH TRANSPARENTIZED WINDOW

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PETITION FOR FILING PATENT APPLICATION BY OTHER THAN ALL THE INVENTORS UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.47

Sir:

A response to a Notice To File Missing Parts mailed from the U.S. Patent Office on June 21, 2001 is required by the Applicants of the above-identified pending application. The Notice To File Missing Parts indicates that the inventor declaration submitted with the application on the filing date of April 27, 2001 was unsigned. Therefore, the Applicants are required to submit a fully executed inventor declaration on or before the final response date of January 21, 2002, as provided for by a petition for extensions of time submitted herewith under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). Since January 21, 2002 is a Federal holiday within the District of Columbia, the final response date is extended to the next succeeding day, January 22, 2002, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.7(a).

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The Applicants submit herewith this petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47 for filing the present application by other than all the inventors. Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47, if a joint inventor refuses to join in an application for patent, the application may be made by the other inventor on behalf of himself or herself and the nonsigning inventor. The oath or the declaration in such an application must be accompanied by a petition including proof of the pertinent facts, the fee set forth in § 1.17(h) and the last known address of the nonsigning inventor.

To that end, the Applicants submit herewith this petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47 including proof of pertinent facts of the refusal of one of the joint inventors of the above-identified invention to join in the present application for patent. In addition, the Applicants submit herewith a check in the amount of \$130.00 as the requisite fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(h). The last known address of the nonsigning inventor is also provided herein.

The application for patent was made by the joint inventors Roger A. Dulin, Robert A. DeMattia, Bryan S. O'Mary and Michael Burris, as identified in the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney form submitted with the original filing of the application. One of the joint inventors, namely Michael Burris, refuses to sign the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney form. The remaining joint inventors, namely Roger A. Dulin, Robert A. DeMattia and Bryan S. O'Mary, have signed the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney form submitted herewith. Each of the signing inventors hereby petitions to make application for the above-identified invention on behalf of himself and on behalf of the nonsigning inventor. An explanation and proof of the pertinent facts establishing Michael Burris' refusal to sign the inventor declaration and, hence, his refusal to apply for the application are provided below.

Attached are copies of correspondence between the undersigned and others with respect to contacting and executing the inventor declaration to satisfy the filing requirements of the present application. The undersigned's contact with respect to matters concerning the prosecution of the present application was Irv Michlin, who was a consultant for Transkrit, Inc. Transkrit, Inc. was the employer of the signing inventors, Roger A. Dulin, Robert A. DeMattia and Bryan S. O'Mary, at the time the invention was conceived and reduced to practice and at the time the present application and the

provisional patent application, Serial No. 60/200,825, from which the present application claims priority, were prepared. Irv Michlin served as liaison between the undersigned and Transkrit, Inc. concerning a number of intellectual property matters including prosecution of the present application. Another company, UCB Chemical of Smyrna, Georgia, employs Michael Burris, the nonsigning inventor.

Attached herewith as Exhibit A is a copy of the undersigned's letter of July 27, 2001 that requests Irv Michlin to obtain the signatures of the joint inventors to comply with the filing requirements set forth in the Notice To File Missing Parts mailed June 21, 2001. Also attached herewith, as Exhibit B, is a copy of an email sent to Irv Michlin on September 18, 2001 by Mary Jo Nispel, the assistant of the undersigned, as a reminder of the outstanding requirement to submit a fully executed declaration in the present application. As indicated by the execution dates of the inventor declaration by the three signing joint inventors, these efforts were successful in obtaining the signatures of the signing inventors. However, an executed inventor declaration was not received from Michael Burris.

In September 2001, the undersigned telephoned Mr. Burris to request that he execute the inventor declaration as a joint inventor of the application. During the telephone conversation, Mr. Burris indicated that he would not sign the inventor declaration form. There is a record of this telephone conversation in a subsequent letter of the undersigned dated November 16, 2001 sent to Mr. Burris by certified mail, attached herewith as Exhibit C, renewing the request to sign the inventor declaration and referencing the previous telephone conversation in September 2001. The undersigned has not received a response from Mr. Burris to this letter of November 16, 2001.

A follow-up letter from the undersigned dated December 31, 2001, attached herewith as Exhibit D, was subsequently sent by certified mail to Mr. Burris to renew the request to Mr. Burris to execute the inventor declaration. The undersigned has not received a response from Mr. Burris to this letter of December 31, 2001 as well.

Please note that the letter of November 16, 2001, in the third paragraph, requests Mr. Burris advise the undersigned if he intends to sign and return the declaration. In addition, please note that the letter of December 31, 2001, in the third paragraph, again asks Mr. Burris to advise the undersigned whether or not he intends to execute the

inventor declaration. Furthermore, returned certificate of mail post cards, copies of which are attached herewith in Exhibits C and D together with their respective letters, indicate that Michael Burris received the letters of November 16, and December 31, 2001 requesting execution of the inventor declaration. To date, the undersigned has not been advised by Mr. Burris whether or not he intends to sign the inventor declaration form.

Thus, based upon the record of correspondence to date and the lack of response from Michael Burris, Michael Burris has refused and continues to refuse to sign the inventor declaration and make application as a joint inventor of the present application.

Under the requirements set forth under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47, the last address of Michael Burris known to the undersigned is:

512 Park Rid Circle Marietta, GA 30068

Based upon the pertinent facts presented herein, each of the signing inventors hereby respectfully requests application for the above-identified invention on his behalf and the behalf of the nonsigning inventor, Michael Burris. To that end, the signing inventors respectfully request consideration and grant of this petition for filing the patent application by less than all the inventors pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.47.

Should the Assistant Commissioner have any questions concerning this petition, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

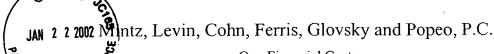
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July 27, 2001

Mr. Irving R. Michlin Transkrit, Inc. Division of AmeriComm Direct Marketing Corp. P. O. Box 428 Millbrook, NY 12545

Re:

U.S. Patent Application - Provisional Application Conversion

For: "METHOD OF TRANSPARENTIZING PAPER SUBSTRATE AND PAPER ASSEMBLY WITH TRANSPARENTIZED WINDOW

Inventors: Robert A. Dulin et al. Filing Date: April 27, 2001 Our File No. 18978-072

Dear Irv:

As you may be aware, the above patent application was filed without a fully-executed Inventor Declaration or Power of Attorney. We have received a Notice To File Missing Parts from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office indicating this document requirement.

Enclosed are four copies of each of two Combined Inventor Declaration and Power of Attorney forms required in connection with this patent application. The forms are identical except that I have provided one form with the inventors' addresses filled in and one form with the addresses left blank.

Please review the Combined Inventor Declaration and Power of Attorney form and, if satisfactory, circulate the forms to the inventors for their signatures and return the executed forms to us for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. The due date for response to the Notice To File Missing Parts is August 21, 2001, although extensions of time are available with payment of extension fees.

July 27, 2001 Page 2

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

MINTZ, LEVIN, COHN, FERRIS GLOVSKY and POPEO, P.C.

Carol H. Peters

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Nispel, Mary Jo

irvmichlin@aol.com Subject: Declarations

RE: Method of Transparentizing Paper Substrate and Paper Assembly with Transparentized Window Our File 23638-023 (formerly 18978-072)

Mr. Michlin,

To:

Carol Peters asked me to e-mail you to let you know that we are still waiting for declarations from Michael Burris and Roger Dulin. The due date to file the declarations is September 21st although that date is extendable.

Mary Jo Nispel





Attorney Docket No. 18978-072

COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter (an original, first and joint inventor) which is claimed and for which a utility patent is sought on the invention entitled:

METHOD OF TRANSPARENTIZING PAPER SUBSTRATE AND PAPER ASSEMBLY WITH TRANSPARENTIZED WINDOW

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) or §120 of any United States application(s), or §365(c) of any PCT International application(s) designating the United States of America listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application:

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I hereby appoint the following attorneys and/or agents to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or patent issued thereon.

Inventor's Signature	Date	
Full Name of Inventor: Roger A. Dulin		
Citizenship: U.S.A.		
Residence:		
Pact Office Address:		

Inventor's Signature Full Name of Inventor: Robert A. DeMattia Citizenship: U.S.A. Residence: Post Office Address:	Date .	
Inventor's Signature Full Name of Inventor: Bryan S. O'Mary Citizenship: U.S.A. Residence: Post Office Address:	Date	
Inventor's Signature Full Name of Inventor: Michael Burris Citizenship: U.S.A. Residence: Post Office Address:	Date	



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Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions concerning our request or the enclosed patent application.

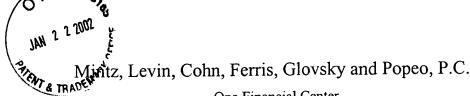
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November 16, 2001

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Re:

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/843,085

Entitled: "Method of Transparentizing A Paper Substrate and

Paper Assembly With Transparentized Window"

Inventors: Dulin et al. Our File No. 23638-023 RECEIVED

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Dear Mr. Burris:

This letter is to renew our request and to memorialize our earlier telephone conversation with you in September concerning execution of a Combined Inventor Declaration and Power of Attorney for submission to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application. As you are an orignal, first and joint inventor of at least one of the claims of this patent application, we request your signature on the enclosed declaration form in order that we may fulfill the outstanding filing requirements of this application. We have received a Notice To File Missing Parts from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, which we must respond to on or before <u>January 21, 2002</u> by submitting a fully-executed Inventor Declaration.

Enclosed is a copy of the patent application as filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 27, 2001. This application was converted from and claims priority to a provisional patent application filed under Serial No. 60/200,825 on April 28, 2000 in which you were named as an inventor. The application discloses a method or process of transparentizing a paper substrate and also a paper substrate having a transparentized portion or "window" produced by the method of the invention. The application does not disclose or claim a composition or a chemical formula for a transparentizing material, but only generally refers to such transparetizing materials.

We would appreciate it if you could advise us whether you intend to sign and return the enclosed declaration form to us for submission to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in this application. Otherwise, we will assume that you do not wish to sign the enclosed declaration form.



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Inventor's Signature Date

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